

**ASPIRA, INC. OF NEW JERSEY  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT  
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
NOVEMBER 21, 1995**

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**Meeting with Congressman Robert Menendez -**

On November 13, I met with Congressman Menendez in reference to follow-up on the corporate reception. Congressman Menendez will send a letter on his letterhead inviting a list of corporations to meet with ASPIRA. Congressman Menendez suggested that we avoid using the word "Sponsor" because it has connotations of giving money. Also, he suggested that a number of ASPIRANTES be present on the day of the reception. Unfortunately, the Congressman was not able to give a date in December for the reception due to the current budget crisis. Presently, Congress is on a week to week schedule.

**Administrative Vacancies:**

Presently, the Development Officer and the Norther Programs Director position are vacant. Outreach has been made with Ms. Angela Corbo, past Development Officer. Ms. Corbo mentioned that she will not be able to provide services because it is a conflict of interest.

Carmelo Figueroa received a political appointment at the county as Director of Hispanic Affairs for Essex County. The biggest void that needs to be filled is the day to day direction that staff request. Gloria Perez, the AmeriCorps Program Manager, has been approached to fulfill the responsibility.

**AmeriCorps Vacancies:**

AmeriCorps still needs to staff 6 positions for its program.

**Ratification of Resolutions:**

On September 30, at the Board of Executive Directors meeting two resolutions were moved and approved in reference to funding. Ratification of these two resolutions are needed to become official.

- A. Department of Community Affairs for \$100,000
- B. County of Mercer Department of Human Service for \$25,000.

**Chanel 9 Viewpoint:**

ASPIRA will have 25 viewpoint expressed on Channel 9. The focus will be on Bilingual Education/English Only.

**UMDNJ Reception for Latino Advisory Board Members of the Newark School System:**

On November 28, at UMDNJ a reception honoring the newly appointed Latino Board members. ASPIRA is co-sponsoring the event.

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PAST ACTIVITIES:

March 21 - Newark Community Conference/Site Based Planning  
March 22 - Camden Site Visit  
March 26 - Newark CDBG Site Visit  
March 27 - Training - Federal Proposals  
March 29 - United Way Luncheon  
Meeting at Cablevision  
March 30 - Newark Northward Parent Conference  
April 2 - Alternative School Committee Meeting  
Taping on Dr. Beverly Hall's Cable show  
April 3 - Greater Newark Human Relations Commission  
Strategic Planning Meeting  
April 9 - Workshop on Resources of the NJ Dept. of Human Services  
April 10 - Meeting with Pepsi-Cola  
April 11-12th - Meeting in Washington, Council of Executive  
Directors  
April 16th - Cablesow taping  
April 18th - Meeting with Patricia Clark (Pepsi)  
April 22nd - Managers Meeting  
May 1st - Meeting with Dr. Hall re: ASPIRA Alternative School  
Concept Paper  
May 7th - Hispanic Directors Meeting  
May 9th - Newark Latino CBO Collaboration Meeting  
May 10th - Legal Careers Conference  
May 13th - Meeting with DYFS - Program Monitoring  
May 16-18th - ASPIRA National Conference

May 20th - Meeting with the American Jewish Federation  
The Jewish and Latino Community are looking to form  
a partnership that will include working on joint  
programs, addressing legislation of mutual interest,  
and resources.

May 21st - Meeting Newark School District Alternative School  
Committee.

#### Upcoming

May 22nd - Meeting with Lydia Silva re: ASPIRA Alternative  
School plan

May 23rd - Managers Meeting  
- Reception for Maria Vizcarrondo

May 24th - Talent Show - Jersey City School #5

May 28th - Cable Taping

May 30th - Spelling Bee Contest - Judge

June 5th - Meeting in Camden with Latino Leadership

June 8th - Anti-Drug March

The audit has been completed and for both the agency and  
endowment. Roger Masch was paid for the outstanding bill.  
Roger has indicated that if the Board wants him to go over the  
audit that he will be happy to do so.